

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2000 - 0530 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Southern, Western Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern, California and Rocky Mountain Areas and light elsewhere. High winds and low relative humidities forecasted for Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona this afternoon will challenge suppression efforts on all large fires in those states. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for airtankers, helicopters, a lead plane, infrared aircraft, radio equipment, engines, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, California, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Mississippi.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Harbour) is assigned to manage the large fires in northern Arizona.

VIVEASH, Santa Fe National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. This fire is burning in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer five miles northwest of Pecos, NM. The fire was plume dominated yesterday with extremely active behavior and long range spotting continuing until after dark. Crews worked throughout the day to hold the anchor point. Current threats are to numerous summer and year-round homes, the City of Las Vegas watershed and endangered species habitat.

PUMPKIN, Kaibab National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. The fire is 25 miles northwest of Flagstaff, AZ. Fire activity occurred mainly along the upper ridges of Kendrick Mountain yesterday. Crews controlled one large spot fire on the east side. Burnout operations and fireline construction continues on the east and south sides of the fire. Approximately half of the wilderness area has burned.

CERRO GRANDE COMPLEX, Bandelier National Park. An Area Command Team (Edrington) and two Type II Incident Management Teams (Praytor and Carr) are assigned. The fire is near Los Alamos, NM. The fire is still active within containment lines along the west side. Crews are unable to make direct access due to extremely steep terrain. A Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation Team is focusing efforts on disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation related to the threat of flooding during the upcoming monsoon season.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VIVEASH	NM	SNF	7000	0	UNK	608	12	21	7	UNK	NR	685K
PUMPKIN	AZ	KNF	7500	30	UNK	904	34	19	5	0	NR	2.1M
CERRO GRANDE	NM	BAP	47650	98	6/6	703	20	2	3	235	NR	16.3M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CARLTON RESERVE, Florida State Division of Forestry. The fire is ten miles northwest of Port Charlotte, FL. The fire was reported contained at 5,480 acres on 5/27. Despite the fire being declared contained, extremely dry conditions over the weekend caused the fire to cross through containment lines and burn an additional 770 acres. Three crews have been ordered. Spotting is hampering containment efforts.

SWILLEY COMMAND, Florida State Division of Forestry. The fire is in Hillsborough County, east of Tampa, FL. No other information was reported.

LOUISE, Florida State Division of Forestry. This fire is in Alachua County, near Gainesville, FL. There is currently no threat to any residences. This fire was mistakenly referred to as LOUIS in yesterday's report.

HOLEYLAND, Florida State Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in grass and swampland at the Holeyland Wildlife Management Area, 40 miles northwest of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Monitoring by fixed wing aircraft is ongoing.

GREEN SWAMP COMPLEX, Florida State Division of Forestry. This complex includes all the state fires in Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Pasco, and Lake counties. Fires over 100 acres (with acreage in parenthesis) include: CHAIN LINK (2,507), GREEN SWAMP GROVE (550), USDA (131), DM (700), DW (100), CROOKED PINES (100), and SLOANS RIDGE (112). Challenges to containment include drought conditions, spotting and deep organic soils in swamps.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CARLTON RESERVE	FL	FLS	6250	50	UNK	2	0	0	1	0	NR	379K
SWILLEY COMMAND	FL	FLS	100	60	NR	NR	3	0	1	0	NR	NR
LOUISE	FL	FLS	2500	UNK	UNK	46	0	8	4	0	NR	NR
HOLEYLAND	FL	FLS	11000	0	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
GREEN SWAMP COM	FL	FLS	4311	30	UNK	179	1	67	3	0	NR	NR
BRIDGE ROAD COM	FL	FLS	800	100	---	26	2	4	1	0	NR	NR
OSTEEN COMPLEX	FL	FLS	255	100	---	63	2	13	0	13	NR	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TAYLOR, Craig District BLM. The fire is burning six miles east of Rangely, CO in cheatgrass, sagebrush and pinyon-juniper fuels. Powerlines and cattle are threatened. High winds and low relative humidities are hindering containment efforts.

HALEY, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison NF. The fire is 20 miles north of Nucla, CO on the Uncompahgre National Forest. Strong winds are pushing

the fire to the northwest and northeast, but no structures are threatened.

YANKS, Craig District BLM. The fire is burning in cheatgrass and pinyon-juniper nine miles east of Rangely, CO. High winds and low relative humidities are causing significant increases in acreage. The fire is being monitored by aircraft from the nearby Taylor fire.

LOCKWOOD CANYON, Ft. Carson Military Site, Dept. of Defense. This fire is burning in grass and pinyon-juniper 24 miles south of Timpas, CO. Lightning ignited the fire on 5/29. It was pushed up the canyon walls by strong southwest winds and spotted over the Purgatory River. The fire is currently threatening the Comanche National Grasslands.

BOSQUE, Las Animas County. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire is in a canyon 24 miles west of Trinidad, CO. High temperatures, dry fuels and strong winds yesterday are hindering containment efforts. The potential for more growth is high due to steep terrain and dense brush in the canyon bottom.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TAYLOR	CO	CRD	1900	50	6/2	94	3	7	2	0	NR	7.5K
HALEY	CO	GMF	500	0	UNK	22	1	4	0	0	NR	NR
YANKS	CO	CRD	800	0	6/4	0	0	0	0	0	UNK	2K
LOCKWOOD CANYON	CO	DOD	1000	0	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BOSQUE	CO	PBX	340	40	6/2	90	4	4	2	0	360K	110K
WITHERS RIM	CO	PSF	340	100	---	15	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

PSF = Pike-San Isabel NF

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

SWEETWATER, Vernal Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Shell) is assigned. The fire is located about 50 miles southeast of Vernal, UT. This is a wind driven crown fire in pinyon-juniper fuels and was active throughout the night. Terrain is steep and rocky. Crews will attempt to flank the south end of the fire today in preparation for a forecasted wind shift on 6/1.

FISHER, Moab Field Office, BLM. This lightning caused fire is 20 miles southeast of Moab, UT. The fire is burning in brush and pinyon-juniper fuels. A burnout operation was attempted yesterday, but it was halted due to extreme fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SWEETWATER	UT	VLD	2000	5	UNK	112	1	5	1	0	NR	NR
FISHER	UT	MOD	600	80	5/31	12	0	4	0	0	NR	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

AZUZA, Inyo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Terwillegger) is assigned. The fire is near Lee Vining, CA. The current threat is to the Horse Meadow watershed. Steep slopes and limited access are causing containment problems.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
AZUZA	CA	INF	740	85	5/31	205	13	6	1	0	150K	150K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TEXAS SPRINGS	NV	EKD	120	100	---	51	2	4	0	0	0	16K

EKD = Elko Field Office, BLM

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN WESTERN COLORADO AND IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND STRONG WINDS ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NORTHERN ARIZONA AND NORTHERN NEW MEXICO FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND STRONG WINDS. NORTHERN NEW MEXICO WILL ALSO HAVE HIGH HAINES INDICES ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND UNSTABLE AIR ***

Southern Utah and southern Colorado will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon dry thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's. Winds will be southwest to west at 15 to 25 mph. Relative humidities will be 5 to 15 percent.

California will be sunny except for morning clouds and fog along the coast. Temperatures will be from the mid 60's in coastal areas up to 110 in the deserts. Winds in the Sacramento Valley will be northwest to northeast at 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph Elsewhere in the state winds will be southwest to west at 5 to 15 mph. Minimum relative humidities inland will be from 5 to 35 percent.

Arizona will be mostly sunny. Winds will be southwest at 20 to 30 mph, with gusts to 35 mph. Winds will be lighter in the southern part of the state. High temperatures will range from the 80's in the mountains to near 110 in the deserts. Minimum relative humidities will be 5 to 15 percent.

New Mexico will be partly cloudy with widely scattered mostly dry thunderstorms. Highs will be in the upper 70's to upper 90's. Winds will be southwest at 15 to 25 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 20 percent.

Florida will be partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly in the southern part of the state. High temperatures will be in the 80's on the coasts and in the 90's in the interior. Winds will be northeast to east at 10 to 15 mph in northern and central Florida. In south Florida winds will be southwest at 10 mph. Minimum relative humidities will range from 35 to 50 percent.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					3		3
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		0				0	0
CA-NORTH	FIRES					39	4	43
	ACRES					74	0	74
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					50	3	53
	ACRES					20	1	21
NORTHERN	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		1			0		1
GB-EAST	FIRES		1			1	3	5
	ACRES		1652			0	2	1654
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		120					120
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	2	1			3	1	7
	ACRES	5	0			40	7400	7445
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		19			7	10	36
	ACRES		2724			1003	215	3942
EASTERN	FIRES					44		44
	ACRES					34		34
SOUTHERN	FIRES					346	3	349
	ACRES					19457	7	19464
TOTAL	FIRES	2	24	0	0	496	28	550
	ACRES	5	4497	0	0	20631	7625	32758

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1		1	1	139		142
	ACRES	6		700	0	517		1223
NORTHWEST	FIRES	32	20	3		66	50	171

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	12	16	25			153	206
	ACRES	4636	3387	5022			19176	32221
CA-NORTH	FIRES			2	1		117	120
	ACRES			820	12		9359	10191
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			1	3		79	83
	ACRES			10	124		5092	5226
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	79	3	58	215	380
	ACRES	1775	1991	15810	395	6446	33583	60000
GB-EAST	FIRES		15	3	3	5	16	42
	ACRES		1497	700	975	151	11290	14613
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	31	213	26	9	2	188	469
	ACRES	8385	14214	1888	4269	360	59491	88607
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	107	10	7	63	196
	ACRES	850	2743	18932	2937	675	20263	46400
EASTERN	FIRES	15		2	11	128	208	364
	ACRES	2947		400	1290	84281	18305	107223
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		130	60	103	697	998
	ACRES	879		60699	35706	61971	450985	610240
USA TOTALS	FIRES	87	257	375	100	303	1738	2860
	ACRES	19472	23832	104281	45708	153884	629070	976247

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	4	2	241	1003
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	6	4
ALBERTA	3	9	273	4685
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	0	3	1
SASKATCHEWAN	0	224	124	3630
MANITOBA	0	2189	107	11625
ONTARIO	4	1	185	798
QUEBEC	0	83	175	242
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	49	117
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	92	89
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	68	287
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	9	14

NATIONAL PARKS		0	0	7	8
TOTALS		13	2508	1339	22503

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews Fed	Crews ST/OT	Engs Fed	Engs ST/OT	Heli Fed	Heli ST/OT	Airt Fed	Airt ST/OT	Ovrhd Fed	Ovrhd ST/OT
ALASKA		3					2			
NORTHWEST			2	1					2	1
CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH	7	5	9		2				19	21
NORTHERN			5						2	
GB-EAST	5		25		1	1	3		39	4
GB-WEST		2	4						1	
SOUTHWEST	73	6	40	21	9	15	22		292	152
ROCKY MTN	9		8	9	2	4	1		22	9
EASTERN									1	
SOUTHERN	2	8	14	101	2	13	7	2	58	79
TOTAL	96	24	107	132	16	33	35	2	436	266

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